

President Johnson today made - a surprise flight to Minneapolis - home territory of Senator McCarthy. Purpose: A campaign style speech - to the National Farmers Union Convention. The President apparently taking up the challenge - hurled at him first by McCarthy and now by Senator Robert Kennedy.

"The time has come" - said LBJ - ^{"When your}

President must ask you to join in a total national effort; to win the war - to win the peace - and to complete the job at home; to insure that our economy will prosper - and our fiscal position be sound."

The President adding: "We don't plan to let the people divide our nation - at a time of national peril."

MANHATTAN FOLLOW BRUNSWICK

One of those signs - obviously - the newly announced candidacy of Senator Kennedy; who delivered his first major campaign speech today - at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. The war in Vietnam - Kennedy's chief target. The Senator saying: "All Americans are responsible for the destruction of Khe Sanh - and the bombing of North Vietnam - because this action is being taken in our name and in the name of the United States." "What we must ask ourselves" - he went on - "is whether we have the right to bring so much destruction to another land - without clear and convincing evidence that this is what its people want."

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BRUNSWICK FOLLOW MINNEAPOLIS

As for Senator McCarthy - he himself was addressing a pair of Maine College groups today. At Brunswick - the Senator saying the United States must clean up its own racial problems - before trying to help solve African troubles. Earlier, McCarthy saying "the signs are growing - that President Johnson will not get the nomination on the first ballot" at Chicago.

On the Republican side - National Chairman Ray Bliss - front and center today in Washington; downgrading the possibility that anyone - even Senator Kennedy - can ~~be~~ ~~seriously~~ seriously threaten the President's chances of securing renomination.

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PARIS - ZURICH

On the world money front - the U.S. dollar staged a strong comeback today. Gold speculators taking a heavy beating - in Paris - also Zurich - on the basis of weekend crisis talks in Washington - establishing, in effect, a two-price system of gold exchange.

In Paris especially - a second gold rush in reverse. Speculators hastily unloading at a loss the gold they had fought to buy at inflated prices just last Friday. Said one Paris dealer commenting: "This was a good day for the dollar, and a lot of people have been hurt."

DETROIT FOLLOW PARIS - ZURICH

A final word on the gold crisis - comes from Detroit.

Where the Chairman of the U. S. Federal Reserve Board asserted flatly today that - the American Dollar is "stronger than gold." This - said William McChesney Martin - because the dollar "rests on the resources and productivity of the U.S. - per se."

VIETNAM FOLLOW MANHATTAN

Meanwhile - a brief fight today in Vietnam; in a tiny village near the DMZ - not far from that American outpost at Dong Ha. Enemy troops waiting in ambush - trapping a U.S. Marine Patrol in a deadly crossfire.

American response: An awesome rain of bombs and artillery - we are told; easing pressure on the trapped patrol - and all but destroying the village, enemy troops included.

Meanwhile, in neighboring Thailand - final adjustments were being made today on six newly arrived American F-111 Fighter Bombers. The controversial Swing-Wing Aircraft - getting ready for a first test in actual combat.

ASPEN

I have just had another reminder of the vast difference between travel by road and by air. Saturday morning several of us flew from Denver to Aspen, for the Rock Cup Races; it took less than thirty minutes. Then yesterday afternoon the weather closed in, the plane couldn't get back to Aspen, and we headed for Denver through a blizzard, which Steve Knowlton, whom some of us call Mr. Colorado, said was the most severe he had encountered in twenty or thirty years. It took us some seven hours.

At any rate the Aspen races were worth it, seeing Billy Kidd from Stowe, Vermont, win the Rock Cup, defeating the best in the world, that was one thrill; as it was also to see incredible Nancy Greene of Canada do the same thing with her special Nancy Greene flourish. What a girl!

As for Jean-Claude Killy, nearly everybody who met him agreed with Billy Kidd, that Killy seemed tired. Winning the Triple Olympic Crown, the three Gold Medals at Grenoble, took a lot out of him. But, he has lost none of his Gallic

charm. *Just a year ago - March 21, 1966 - the beginning*

Tonight, is a big Night in Denver, a One-Hundred-Dollar a plate dinner, to raise money to bring the winter Olympics to Colorado. That's why I'm here. Wouldn't you all like to join us at a Hundred Bucks a plate? Warren.

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LONDON

Just a year ago - March Eighteenth - the beginning of the world's worst oil pollution problem ever with the super tanker Torrey Canyon - splitting wide open off the coast of Southern England. Then some three-million bucks spent on detergents to disperse the oil. Which - it turns out now - may have been the worst disaster of all.

This - according to a London report today. Noting that suds from the detergents - killed off billions of limpets, crabs, winkles, shrimps and so on. With little to feed on - few birds returning to take the place of those originally killed by the oil. Also, sea weed running wild - covering beach after beach with a choking carpet of green.

By contrast - beaches not sprayed with detergents - now completely oil free. Natural action of the tide - permitting marine life and bird life to return to normal

Conclusion - say British Scientists: Cure worse than the ailment.